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SUBJ: RTG ROUNDUP OF VIETNAMESE IN UDORN

REF: (A) BANGKOK 9180 (B) UDORN 0096 (NOTAL)

1. BANGKOK PRESS OF APR 29 REPORTED THAT VIETNAMESE REFUGEES
ARRESTED IN UDORN (REF A) WILL BE SENT TO RE-EDUCATION CAMP FOR
30 DAYS FOLLOWING THOROUGH INTERROGATION BY AUTHORITIES. REPORT
IN NATION REVIEW SAID THAT VIETNAMESE WOULD BE RELEASED
FROM CAMP WHEN THEY HAD CHANGED THEIR POLITICAL IDEOLOGIES.
CONSULATE UDORN HAS REPORTED THAT MOST OF VIETNAMESE ARRESTED
APPEAR TO BE LONG-TIME UDORN RESIDENTS, SOME OF WHOM ARE OWNERS
OF PROSPEROUS PHOTO SHOPS AND FURNITURE STORES. THEIR SHOPS
CONTINUE TO OPERATE, AND TWO VIETNAMESE WOMEN, HOLDERS OF THAI
I.D. CARDS, HAVE BEEN RELEASED.

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2. ALSO ACCORDING TO CONSULATE UDORN, RAIDS BY COMBINED RTG
FORCE OF SEVERAL HUNDRED MEN WHICH BEGAN AT 0100 HOURS ON APR
27 RESULTED IN ARREST OF 43 VIETNAMESE IN THE UDORN MUNICIPAL
AREA AND A REPORTED 16 IN OUTLYING AREAS. POLICE SOURCES TOLD
CONOFF THAT RTG FORCE HAD MANAGED TO ARREST LESS THAN HALF OF
VIETNAMESE TRAGETED FOR PICKUP. ARRESTS ARE EXPECTED TO
CONTINUE, AND BANGKOK POST REPORTED THAT TWO MORE VIETNAMESE WERE

PICKED UP APR 28. POLICE CLAIMED THAT ARRESTEES HAD BEEN UNDER SURVEILLANCE FOR A LONG TIME AND WERE "CONFIRMED" HANOI AND CPT SUPPORTERS. THOSE ARRESTED WERE PART OF VIETNAMESE REFUGEE ELEMENT THAT FLED TO NORTHEAST THAILAND IN 1946 FROM LAOS WHERE THEY HAD LIVED UNDER FRENCH RULE AS MIDDLE-LEVEL ADMINISTRATORS, TEACHERS AND SHOPOWNERS. CONSULATE REPORT NOTED THAT ROUNDUP OF VIETNAMESE IS STANDARD EXERCISE WHICH SECURITY OFFICIALS CONDUCT SEVERAL TIMES EACH YEAR, AND SELDOM HAVE LINKS BETWEEN VIETNAMESE AND HANOI/CPT-SUPPORTED INSURGENTS BEEN ESTABLISHED. WHITEHOUSE

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